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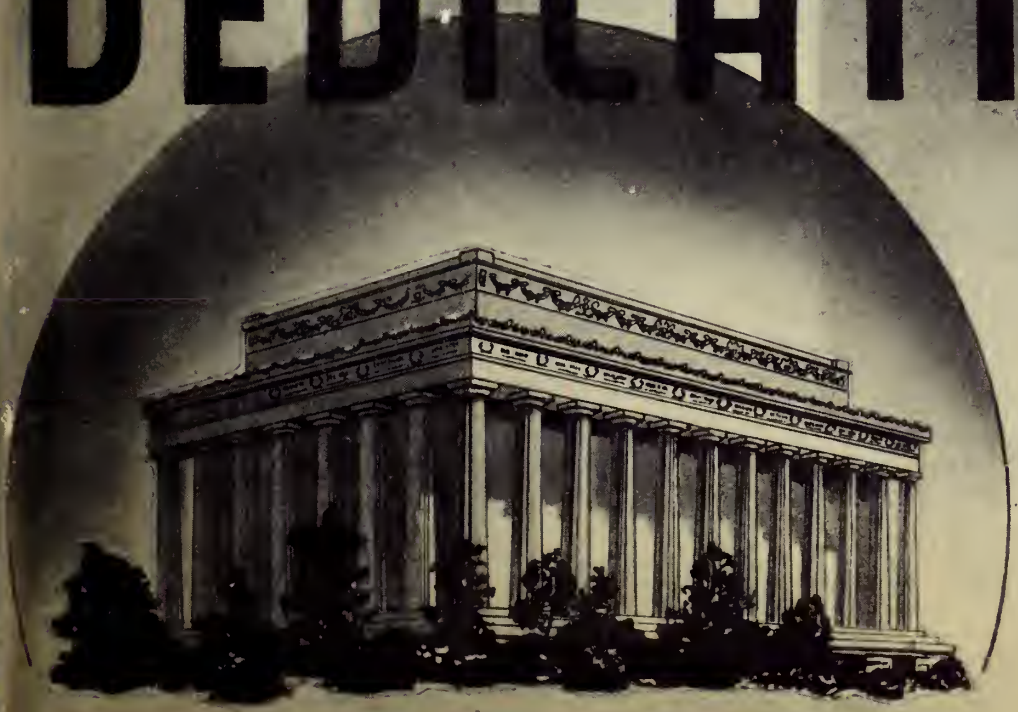

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Geometry

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History

SENIORS

THE SENIOR CLASS

CLASS OFFICERS:

President	Bill Conley
Vice President	Fred Staten
Secretary	Lena Mackey
Treasurer	Bob Read

CLASS MOTTO:
"Students of today: leaders of tommorow."

CLASS COLORS: Blue and White

CLASS FLOWER: Rhodedendron

CLASS MASCOTS:
Elizabeth Ann Hennessee and Michael Best

CLASS ROLL

William Coleman Conley
William Mills Croson
John McDowell Gowan
Geter Ervin Lawes
Robert Eccles Read, Jr.
Howard Junior Wilson
Pansy Elizabeth Biddix
Mildred Viola Church
Nancy Jewell Chappell
Willie Mildred Groson
Mary Alice Hall
Evelyn Mae Cooper
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Etta Ruth Nelson
Dorothy Ray Patton
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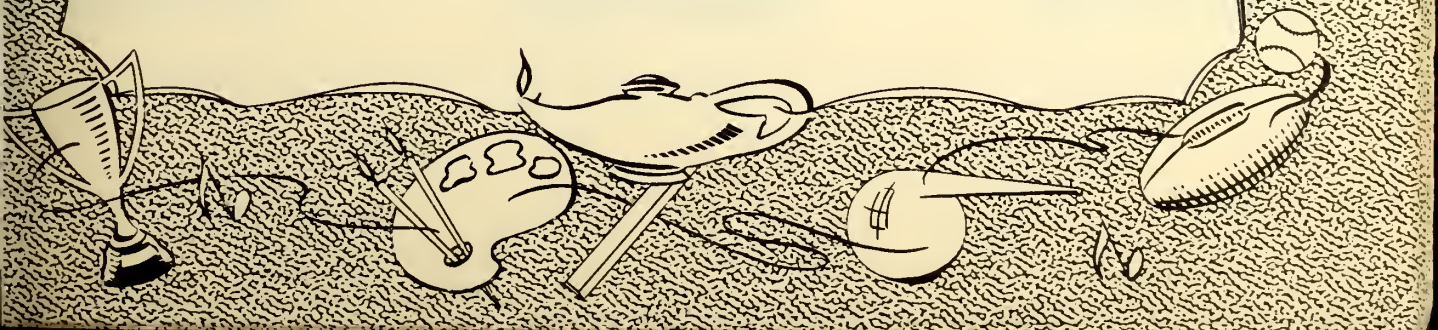
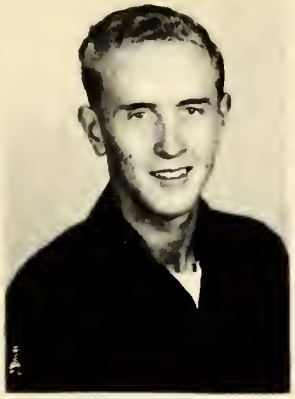
Mary Syvannah Tranthem
Joyce Marie Woody
Fred Adam Staton



Pansy Biddix



Bill Conley

Evelyn Cooper

Viola Church

Mills Creson

Mildred Creson

Jewell Chappell

John Gowan

Alice Hall

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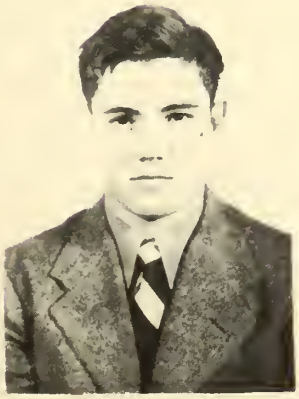
Ruth Nelson



Robert Read

Howard Wilson

Joyce Woody

THE SENIOR CLASS POEM

Twelve years ago we met together
There for the first time to see each other,
Since that first year, we've all been friends;
We've made mistakes and then amends.
Together we have learned the rules
In one of the finest of all schools:
Learned to read, learned to write,
To say the multiplication table on sight,
Learned the alphabet from A to Z,
Fun-loving, hard-working folk are we.
The best in life we'll strive to do
To keep our friendship ever true.
We, who've shared many sorrows and joys,
Are the happy SENIOR girls and boys.

Evelyn Cooper.

THE SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

In the fall of 1944 the present senior class made their grand entrance into their place of freshmen at the Pleasant Gardens High School. As is often the custom, initiation ceremonies were conducted by the senior class formally announcing their introduction to the institute of higher learning. The program was climaxed by the crowning of the "greenies" with a garland of green odiferous onions, much to the later regret of everyone.

For officers their first year of high school they chose Fred Staten as president; Mills Cresen, Vice President; Evelyn Cooper, secretary; and Dorothy Lowery, treasurer.

An espacial highlight of this eventful year was the annual Halloween Carnival held in the auditorium. The freshmen elected two candidates to compete in the contest for the King and Queen of the school. These were Tootie Mackey and Bill Conley. Although the freshmen feverishly worked for their candidates, in the final count they were defeated.

With the opening of school the following fall, the sophomores were greeted by a new docket of teachers and a new principal, Mr. F.N.Shearouse. Mrs. Pat Davis was the homeroom sponsor.

One of the most interesting things accomplished during this year was the making of booklets on different forms of plant life under the direction of Mrs. Davis, biology instructor. Again the Sophomores selected the candidates for King and Queen of the Halloween Carnival. Those chosen were Velma Lee Edwards and John Gowan. Again an extensive campaign was launched, but without success.

THE SENIOR CLASS HISTORY (CON'T)

THE LEADERS FOR THE CLASS FOR THIS YEAR WERE: PRESIDENT-HOWARD WILSON, VICE PRESIDENT-TOOTIE MACKEY, SECRETARY-PANSY BIDDIX, TREASURER-BILL CONLEY.

WITH THE JUNIOR YEAR, THE REAL FEELING OF SCHOOL BEGINS, WITH CLASS PARTIES, MEMBERS OF THE CLASS ON THE BALL TEAMS, AND THE EVER IMPORTANT JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET. THIS CLASS WAS NO EXCEPTION, AND WITH THE HELP OF THE TEACHERS AND THE LASS OFFICERS, IT HAD A SUCCESSFUL YEAR. THE CLASS OFFICERS WERE: PRESIDENT--DOROTHY PATTEN, VICE PRESIDENT-ALICE HALL, SECRETARY, TOOTIE MACKEY, AND TREASURER- BILL CONLEY.

IN ORDER TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE KING AND QUEEN CANDIDATES, JACK LAWES AND LUCILLE EDWARDS, THE JUNIOR BOYS PRESENTED A FEMININE FASHION SHOW, WHICH WAS LOUDLY ACCLAIMED.

THE THEME OF THE BANQUET AT WHICH THE JUNIORS HONORED THE SENIORS WAS "APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS." BESIDES THIS, THERE WERE TWO OTHER SOCIAL EVENTS THAT YEAR. MRS. MILLER, THE HOME ROOM TEACHER, HONORED THE JUNIOR AND SENIORS WITH A THANKSGIVING PARTY AT THE LAKE JAMES CLUB HOUSE. FOLLOWING THE SENIOR PLAY, MRS. TOM GEWAN GAVE A RECEPTION IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY FOR THE SENIORS AND JUNIORS.

THE SENIOR YEAR SAW THE CLASS RETURNING TO BE GREETED BY A NEW PRINCIPAL, MR. R. LEE WIGGINS. THIS WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT YEAR OF ALL. FIRST, THE CLASS RINGS BROUGHT A BIG THRILL. THE REST OF THE TIME WAS FILLED WITH INVITATIONS, PLAYS, NEW BASKETBALL SUITS, MORE PARTIES AND BANQUETS, AND GRADUATION. THE FIRST VICTORY OF THE CLASS WAS THE CROWNING OF BUDDY LAUGHRIDGE, THE SENIOR CANDIDATE, AS KING OF THE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL. RUTH NELSON WAS THE CANDIDATE FOR QUEEN.

PATSY BIDDIX

THE SENIOR CLASS PROPHECY

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CURIOUS TO KNOW THE FUTURE OF MY CLASS MATES, SO ONE NIGHT I SLIPPED INTO A PLACE BEARING THE NAME"MADAME VINE." A STRANGELY DRESSED WOMAN APPROACHED ME AND ASKED WHAT I WISHED. TREMBLING, I REPLIED THAT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE HAD IN STORE FOR THE GRADUATING CLASS OF P. G. HIGH SCHOOL. THE WOMAN SEATED HERSELF IN FRONT OF A CRYSTAL BALL, AND AFTER GAZING INTENTLY IN IT FOR A WHILE, SHE BEGAN:

"FRED STATEN IS STILL RUNNING FOR VICE PRESIDENT, BUT FOR THE U. S., NOT THE CLASS.

WHEN DR. BILL CONLEY CAME TO THE NEW MARION HOSPITAL, HE WAS HAPPY TO FIND JOYCE WOODY AS SUPERINTENDENT OF NURSES.

DOROTHY PATTON, THE FAMOUS FASHION DESIGNER, SELLS HER MOST EXCLUSIVE MODELS TO THE FAMOURS BROADWAY ACTRESS, RUTH NELSEN.

EVELYN (COOPER) AND HER HUSBAND ARE OPERATING THE FM RADIO STATION ON MT. MITCHELL WHERE THE P.G. GLEE CLUB FREQUENTLY SINGS.

JOHN GOWAN OPERATES A LARGE DRY GOODS STORE IN ASHEVILLE.

ALICE HALL IS TEACHING FRENCH IN A COLLEGE IN TEXAS.

DOROTHY LOWERY IS WELL-KNOWN FOR THE COVERS THAT SHE SKETCHES FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.

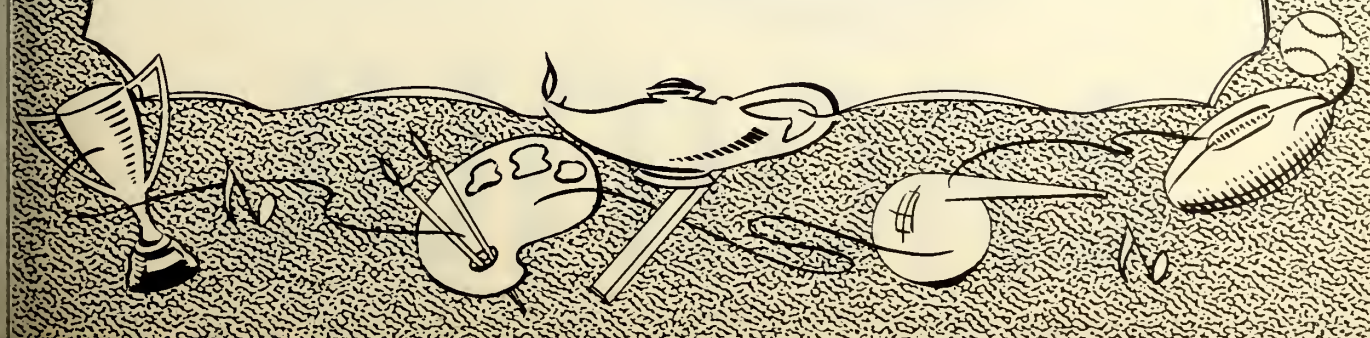
DR. HOWARD WILSON HAS A SUCCESSFUL DENTAL PRACTICE IN THE CITY OF PLEASANT GARDENS SO HIS RECEPTIONIST, VIOLA CHURCH, REPORTS.

MARY TRABTHEM OWNS A BEAUTY SHOP IN OLD FORT, AND SHE OFTENS VISITS HER FRIEND DORA MCKINNEY WHO IS A TELEPHONE OPERATOR IN RALEIGH.

LT. COL. ROBERT READ, WHO WAS AN HONOR GRADUATE AT WEST POINT, IS STATIONED AT FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA.

THE SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Most Popular	Tootie Mackey Fred Staten
Most Athletic	Joyce Woody Bob Read
Prettiest	Alice Hall
Most Handsome	Fred Staten
Most Friendly	Dorothy Patten Mills Cresen
Neatest	Tootie Mackey Bill Conley
Most Studious	Dorothy Lowery Bob Read
Most Likely to Succeed	Joyce Weedy Howard Wilson
Best All Around	Mildred Cresen Jack Lawes
Wittiest	Ruth Nelson Howard Wilson
Quietest	Dora McKinney Mills Cresen
Most Talented	Pansy Biddix Howard Wilson
Best Dressed	Ruth Nelson Mills Cresen
Cutest	Jewell Chappell John Gowan
Best Sport	Evelyn Cooper Jack Lawes
Most Courteous	Mary Tranthem Mills Cresen
Sweetest	Viola Church Mills Cresen



JUNIORS

THE JUNIOR CLASS

CLASS OFFICERS:

President	Harold Pittman
Vice President	Jimmie Setzer
Secretary	Inez Morgan
Treasurer	Alta Jo Ellis

CLASS MOTTO:
"Find a way or make one."

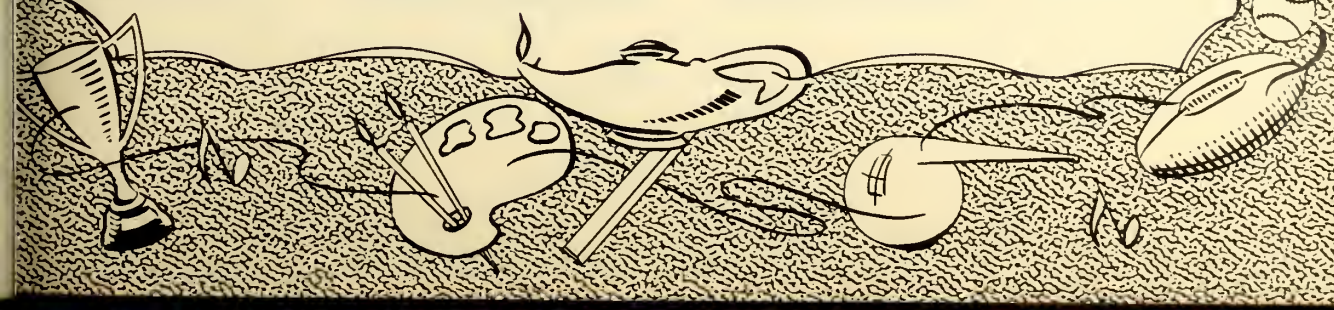
CLASS COLORS: Blue and Pink

CLASS FLOWER: Pink Roses

CLASS ROLL

James Buckner
Bobby Comer
Ralph Justice
John Laughridge
Bill McDaniels
Carl McKinney
D.C. McKinney
Harold Pittman
Troy Proctor
Jimmie Setzer
Durward Walker

Lorene Buckner
Carrie Burnette
Kathleen Cox
Marjorie Cordell
Marie Elliott
Alta Jo Ellis
Julia Ann Fleming
Macon Ann Harshaw
Billie Jane Hensley
Inez Morgan
Queenia Williams
Ann Wright



Marie Elliott

Harold Pittman

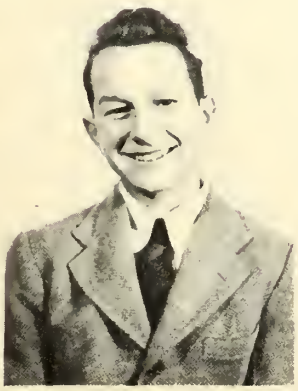
Alta Jo Ellis

Julia Fleming

Ralph Justice

Carrie Burnette

Macon Harshaw



Bobby Comer

Marjorie Cordell

Bill McDaniels

Inez Morgan

Carl McKinney

Ann Wright

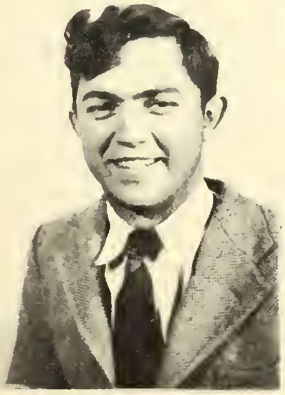
Billie Hensley

D.C. McKinney

Lorene Buckner

Durward Walker

Queenia Williams



Jimmy Setzer

Kathleen Cox

John Laughridge

JUNIOR SUPERLATIVES

Prettiest	Kathleen Cox
Best looking	Buddy Laughridge
Neatest	Queenia Williams
	Harold Pittman
Best Dressed	Macon Harshaw
	Bobby Comer
Most Studious	Ann Wright
	James Buckner
Most Likely to Succeed	Macon Harshaw
	Carl McKinney
Most Talented	Inez Morgan
	Jimmie Setzer
Best Sport	Carrie Burnette
	D.C.McKinney
Most Athletic	Billie Hensley
	Buddy Laughridge
Cutest	Julia Fleming
	Ralph Justice
Wittiest	Carrie Burnette
	Bobby Comer
Sweetest	Marjorie Cordell
	Bill McDaniel
Most Popular	Kathleen Cox
	Troy Proctor
Most Courteous	Ann Wright
	Durward Walker
Best All Around	Marie Elliott
	Jimmie Setzer
Most Bashful	Queenia Williams
	D.C.McKinney
Most Friendly	Alta Jo Ellis
	Ralph Justice
Quietest	Lorene Buckner
	D.C.McKinney
Class baby	Carrie Burnette
	Harold Pittman

SOPHOMORES

Class Officers:

President - Marjorie Skaggs
Vice President - Vangie Childers
Sect. + Treas - Allene Wheeler
Reporter - Nora Mae Noblitt

Class Colors - Orchid and Yellow
Class Flower - Sweet Peas
Class Motto - "Better late than Never."

Class Roll

Jimmie Bradley
Douglas Fox
Ted Guy
Cleveland Hall
Harold Hyatt
Howard Stroud
Bill Wiseman
Percy Wright
George Young
Nancy Biddix
Vangie Childers
Bobby J. Conley
Lillie Mae Daves
Ruby Fox
Joyce Hall
Violet Hollifield
Joyce Lewis
Joyce Moody
Nora Mae Noblitt
Marjorie Skaggs
Barbara Staton
Allene Wheeler

Class Sponsor - Mrs. McGimsey

FRESHMEN

Class Officers:

President - Mable Hawkins
Vice President - Jimmy Burgin
Sect. & Treas. - Charles Harshaw
Reporter - Betty Ann Burnette

Class Colors - Pink and Black
Class Flower - Carnation
Class Motto - "Not to the top but climbing."

Class Roll

James Bartlett
Johnny Byrd
Jimmy Burgin
Bobby Elliott
Jimmie Eckenrod
Roy Herrell
Charles Harshaw
James Guy Hollifield
Ralph Hollifield
Bobby Hoover
Junior Justice
Bill Lawes

Bobby McNeill
Paul Poteat
Carl Wood
Dean Woody
Naomi Barker
Peggy Bowman
Betty Ann Burnette
Florence Buckner
Ida Burnette
Phyllis Callahan
Betty Jo Conley
Katherine Elliott

Mary Grace Gaddy
Mable Hawkins
Betty Hensley
Thelma Herell
Beulah Kaylor
Wilma Loftis
Dorothy Mills
Emogene McDaniels
Annie Mae Phillips
Fannie Sue Queen
Faye Silvers
Sue Finley

Class Sponsor - Mrs. Wiggins

ACTIVITIES

THE BETA CLUB

In the spring of 1947 the Beta Club was reorganized in the Pleasant Gardens School under the direction of Mrs. Margaret G. Miller. This is an honor club founded upon the principles of scholarship, leadership, and character. To attain membership in the Pleasant Gardens chapter, a student must make an average of ninety for his freshman and sophomore years; he must have qualifications for leadership; and he must be a good school citizen.

The charter members of the club were Kathleen Burnette, James Whitener, Pansy Biddix, Dorothy Lowery, and Evelyn Cooper. The following members were elected in the fall of 1947: Ruth Nelson Macen Ann Harshaw, Kathleen Cox, Alta Jo Ellis, Carl McKinney, Ann Wright, Marie Elliott, and Julia Ann Fleming.

The main projects of the club have been the assisting of teachers whenever possible; to publish the school paper; and to publish the school annual. The Beta Club members are planning to attend the state conference of Beta clubs, which will be held in Raleigh this year.

The officers of the Beta Club for this year are: President - Dorothy Lowery, Vice President- Ann Wright, Secretary-Pansy Biddix, Treasurer- Alta Jo Ellis. Carl McKinney is the business manager of the school annual.

We are proud to have given to our school its first annual, TAHOMA. We hope that you will enjoy looking through these pages through the years and remembering friends and activities of Pleasant Gardens School.

The Beta Club

THE GLEE CLUB

THE GLEE CLUB HAS BEEN THE MAIN ACTIVITY IN THE HIGH SCHOOL THIS YEAR. THE EMPHASIS HAS BEEN PLACED ON SIMPLE SONGS WITH ACTIONS TO FIT THE WORDS. MR. WIGGINS INTRODUCED THIS IDEA WHEN HE APPEARED WITH THE GLEE CLUB AT THE FIRST P. T.A. MEETING WITH A RENDITION OF "SKIP TO MY LOU." NEXT, THE GLEE CLUB CONTRIBUTED MUSICAL NUMBERS FOR A LOCAL FASHION SHOW. MISS ATWELL, MR. CLARK, MR. WIGGINS, AND MRS. TOM GOWAN WERE STAR PERFORMERS. MRS. MARGARET MILLER AND MRS. R.K.DAVIS DIRECTED THIS GROUP.

DURING THE YEAR, THE GLEE CLUB SANG ON MANY OF THE P.T.A. AND CHAPEL PROGRAMS. THE MUSIC AT CHRISTMAS, WHICH FEATURED INEZ MORGAN AND HOWARD WILSON AS SOLOISTS, WAS ESPECIALLY ENJOYED. THE GLEE CLUB HAS BEEN INVITED TO PRESENT PROGRAMS FOR LOCAL CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, AND MANY NOVELTY NUMBERS ARE BEING PRACTISED BY THE GROUP. IT WILL ALSO PERFORM AT THE GRADUATION EXERCISES.

MR. WIGGINS, MRS. DAVIS, AND MRS. MILLER DESERVE SPECIAL CREDIT FOR THE WORK THAT THE GLEE CLUB HAS DONE. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MANY YEARS THE BOYS HAVE TAKEN AN ACTIVE PART IN THE SINGING AND THEY ARE A WELCOMED ADDITION. WE HOPE TO HAVE MORE BOYS AND GIRLS IN THE GLEE CLUB NEXT YEAR.

GLEE CLUB

F.F.A CLUB

THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

THE F.F.A. CLUB HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING IN ITS WORK THIS YEAR, PARTICULARLY IN CONTESTS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS. ONE OF THE MAIN CONTEST IS JUDGING DIFFERENT KINDS OF SEEDS, TELLING ALSO THE VALUE OF SEEDS IN REGARD TO A GOOD CROP.

THE P.G. JUDGING TEAM WON THE FIRST PLACE IN THE CONTEST AT THE RUTHERFORDTON COUNTY FAIR, FOR WHICH THEY WERE AWARDED A BEAUTIFUL LOVING CUP.

IN THE MCDOWELL, RUTHERFORDTON, AND POLK COUNTY FEDERATION CROPS JUDGING CONTEST, THE PLEASANT GARDENS TEAM AGAIN TRIUMPHED AND WON THE BLUE RIBBONS. AS A RESULT OF THIS, THE P.G. TEAM WAS SELECTED TO REPRESENT THIS FEDERATION IN THE STATE CROP JUDGING CONTEST AT RALEIGH WHERE IT SCORED HIGH AMONG THE BEST TEAMS OF THE STATE.

MEMBERS OF THE TEAM ARE: CARL MCKINNEY, BOBBY COMER, AND JIMMY SETZER.

ATHLETICS

Basket Ball Teams

BASKETBALL FOR 1947-1948

THIS WAS AN OUTSTANDING YEAR FOR BASKET BALL TEAMS. NEW UNIFORMS AND A RECORD OF VICTORIES! WHO COULD ASK FOR ANYTHING MORE!!

UNDER THE CAPABLE DIRECTION OF THE COACHES, MR. WIGGINS AND MRS. SIMMONS, A MAJORITY OF GAMES WERE WON THIS SEASON. IN SPITE OF LOSING MOST OF LAST YEAR'S FIRST TEAMS THROUGH GRADUATION THE COACHES WERE ABLE TO WHIP TOGETHER THE MATERIAL ON HAND AND EMERGE WITH WINNING COMBINATIONS. JACK LAWES, BILL CONLEY, TED GUY, FRED STATEN, AND BUDDY LAUGHRIDGE FORMED THE FIRST STRING LINE-UP FOR THE BOYS. TOOTIE MACKEY, JOYCE WOODY, BARBARA STATEN, MILDRED CRESEN INEZ MORGAN, AND JOYCE MOODY COMPOSED THE FIRST TEAM FOR THE GIRLS. THESE EFFICIENT PLAYERS WERE BACKED BY STRONG RESERVES WHICH ASSURES US OF EXCELLENT PROSPECTS FOR NEXT YEAR.

AS THIS ANNUAL GOES TO PRESS THE COUNTY TOURNAMENT IS YET TO BE PLAYED. WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT OUR TEAMS WILL MAKE A GOOD SHOWING, AND WE HOPE TO SEE TWO NEW TROPHIES ADDED TO THE LARGE COLLECTION IN THE LIBRARY.

THE CHEER LEADERS

THE BASKETBALL GAMES WERE ENLIVENED THIS YEAR BY THE CHEERING SECTION. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MR. CLARK, THE CHEER LEADERS LEARNED MANY NEW YELLS AND ROUTINES. NEW WHITE SWEATERS WERE BOUGHT BY MONEY RAISED BY MR. CLARK. MANY PATRONS OF THE SCHOOL HELPED TO PAY FOR THE SWEATERS AND ALSO FOR THE BASKETBALL SUITS. WE ARE PROUD OF THE SHOWING THAT OUR SCHOOL MAKES ON THE GYM FLOOR.

THE CHIEF CHEER LEADER IS DOROTHY PATTON, OTHERS ARE: LOIS ANN YOUNG, RUTH HOLLIFIELD, MARJORIE SKAGGS, CHRISTINE SETZER.

Soft Ball Teams

First row-Ruth Nelson, Allene Wheeler, Barbara Staton, Vangie Childers, Inez Morgan, Joyce Moody
Second- Dorothy Mills, Mary Grace Gaddy Jewell Chappell, Bobby Jean Conley
third - Lena Mackey, Joyce Woody, Mildred Creson, Mr. Roberts, coach.

first row- Fred Staton, Ted Guy, Bobby Comer, Harold Hyatt, Bill Conley, Howard Stroud, Harold Pittman, Buddy Laughridge, Jack Lawes, George Young. Second- Ralph Justice, Jimmy Burgin, Durward Walker, Carl McKinney, Charles Harshaw, Bill Lawes, Jimmy Setzer, Bill McDaniels, Mr Roberts.

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